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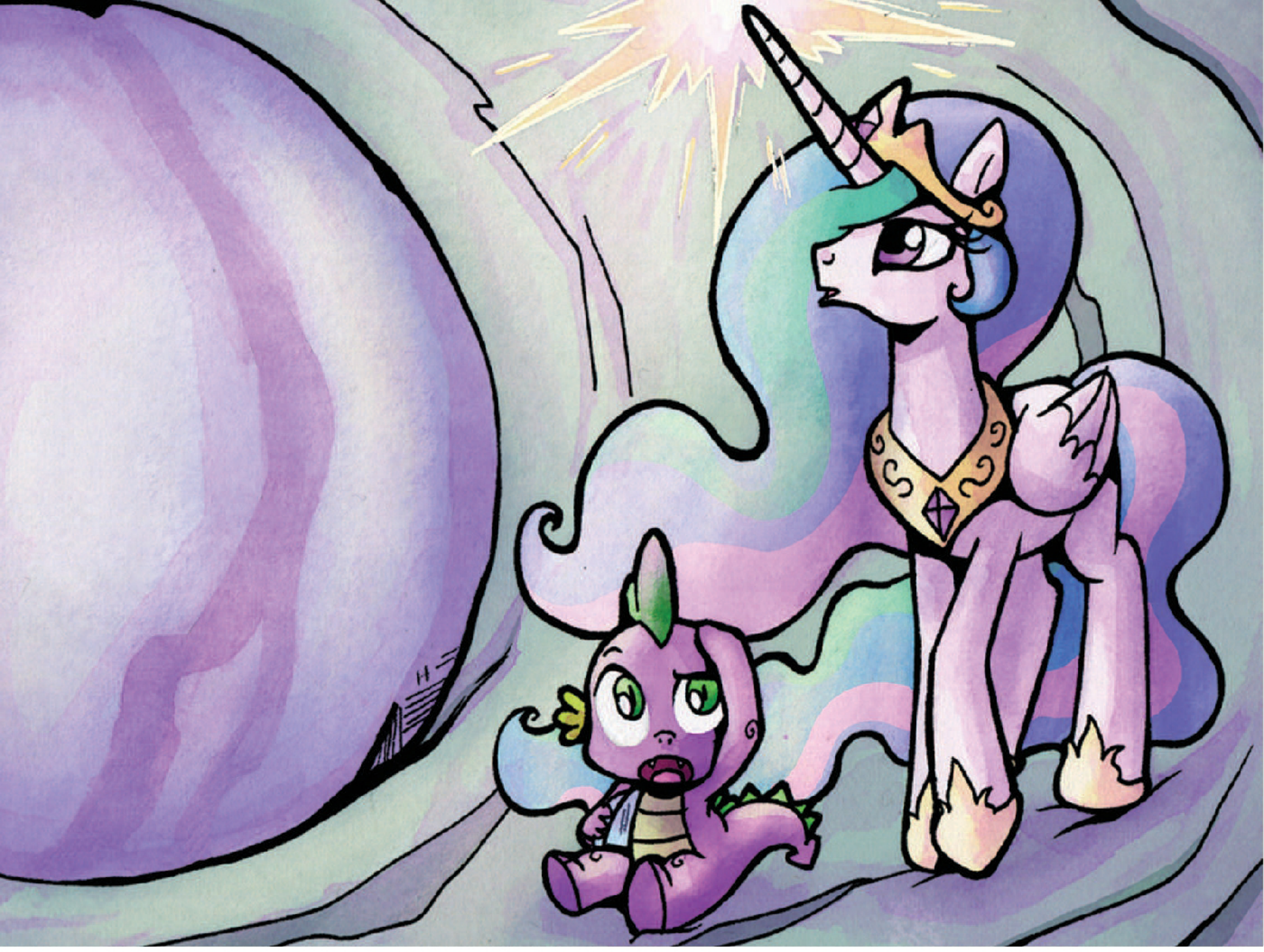

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ANNOUNCING SILVERSADDLE, DUKE OF APPLELOOSA!

HOWDY, YER MAJESTY.

AH'M JUST HERE T'DROP OFF THIS YEAR'S CENSUS REPORTS.

GOOD TO SEE YOU, DUKE.

SILVERSADDLE

ARE THERE ANY OTHER VISITORS TODAY, RAVEN?

THAT'S THE END OF THE LIST, YOUR MAJESTY.

ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET'S GO OVER THE NOTES ON THE ***SEAPONY*** DELEGATION'S VISIT NEXT—

ANNOUNCING...

...SPIKE!

THE DRAGON.

UH... HI.

WHY, *SPIKE*! WHAT A PLEASURE TO *SEE* YOU!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO CANTERLOT ALL BY YOURSELF?

WELL...

TWILIGHT SPARKLE'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP.

OH, YES! IT'S ON MY CALENDAR.

HER *TELESCOPE* IS GETTING KIND OF OLD...

...AND I'D LIKE TO GET HER A *NEW* ONE AS A *PRESENT*.

GRUMBLE.

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD TELESCOPE MAKER?

I KNOW THE *BEST*!

A TELESCOPE FIT FOR A *PRINCESS*?

WHY, *SURE* I CAN MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

GREAT!

RAVEN, PLEASE ASK *STARRY EYED* TO JOIN US AT THE CASTLE.

OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY.

OR I *COULD*, IF I HADN'T RUN OUT OF *LENSES*.

USED MY LAST ONES ON THAT NEW MOUNT PALOMINO OBSERVATORY.

OH.

WHERE CAN WE FIND *NEW* LENSES, STARRY EYED?

WELL, THE FINEST LENSES I KNOW OF CAN BE FOUND ON THE *CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN*, AT THE VERY *PEAK*.

BUT THE TRIP THERE IS *PERILOUS*, AND THE TRIP *BACK* IS EVEN *WORSE*.

YOU'D HAVE TO BE QUITE AN *ADVENTURER* TO GO!

THANK YOU, STARRY EYED.

YOUR MAJESTY.

WELL, SPIKE?

HUH?

AS STARRY EYED SAID, JOURNEYING TO THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN WILL BE DIFFICULT.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO *UNDERTAKE* THIS ADVENTURE?

ALL BY *MYSELF*?

UM...

WELL, THEN, IT'S *DECIDED!*

RAVEN, PLEASE CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

YOUR MAJESTY?

PRINCESS?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, YOU'LL NEED *HELP*.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY SCHEDULE JUST *CLEARED UP!*

I'LL PACK SOME *SNACKS!*

YOUR MAJESTY, ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT THIS?

I CAN HANDLE AFFAIRS UNTIL PRINCESS LUNA TAKES OVER AT SUNSET, BUT...

DON'T WORRY, RAVEN.

SPIKE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE HELP RIGHT NOW.

I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

THUS!

WELL, SPIKE—

WAUGH!

POW! ROCK

SORRY, CELESTIA— I MEAN, *PRINCESS*— I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY—

PLEASE, DON'T BE SO *FORMAL*, SPIKE.

I'M ONLY A PRINCESS OF *PONIES*.

YOU'RE A *DRAGON!*

I'M NOT ROYALTY TO *YOU!*

WELL, UM... *THANKS*.

CELESTIA.

THANK *YOU*, SPIKE.

I WAS GOING TO SAY, IT'S NOT *OFTEN* THAT I TRAVEL WITH SUCH A *SMALL* GROUP.

OH, YEAH... USUALLY YOU'VE GOT ALL YOUR GUARDS AND ASSISTANTS WITH YOU.

AND USUALLY *I'M* WITH TWILIGHT AND EVERYONE DURING AN *ADVENTURE*.

... FEELS *WEIRD* BEING SOMEWHERE WITHOUT *TWILIGHT*.

I, I MEAN, NOT THAT BEING WITH YOU IS *BAD* OR ANYTHING! BUT TWILIGHT—

I UNDERSTAND, SPIKE.

AFTER ALL, YOU'VE HARDLY LEFT TWILIGHT'S SIDE SINCE THE DAY YOU *HATCHED*!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT SHE'S *SO IMPORTANT* TO YOU.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAVE A CLOSE FRIEND LIKE TWILIGHT...

...AND I'M GLAD *SHE* HAS A FRIEND LIKE *YOU*.

...DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TIME TWILIGHT TURNED ALL OF PONYVILLE *UPSIDE-DOWN*?

MY GOODNESS, *NO*!

I CAN *IMAGINE*!

IT'S TRUE! IT WAS ONLY FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, BUT YOU SHOULD'VE *SEEN* THE *MESS*!

YOU KNOW, WHILE AT SCHOOL, SHE ONCE TURNED HALF THE CLASS INTO *PALM TREES*?

HA!

INCLUDING *HERSELF*! SHE HAD *LEAVES* INSTEAD OF *HAIR* FOR A *MONTH*!

STOP RIGHT THERE, YA MOOKS!

HEH HEH HEH...

WHADDA WE GOT *HERE*, IGGY?

LOOKS LIKE A COUPL'A *DOPES* WHERE THEY *SHOULDN'T* BE.

YEAH.

W-W-WHO ARE *YOU*?

WHO ARE *WE*? YOU'RE THE ONES BUTTIN' IN ON *OUR TURF*, SCALES!

I AM PRINCESS CELESTIA, RIGHTFUL RULER OF ALL EQUESTRIA.

YOU *WILL*—

OOH, A *PRINCESS*?

WELL, THEN, WE SHOULD PUT YOU UP IN OUR *ROYAL SUITE*!

AND *SO*!

DOESN'T SEEM VERY "ROYAL" TO *ME*.

WHO THE HECK *ARE* THESE CREEPS, ANYWAY?

ROCK LOBSTERS. THEY'VE BEEN IN THESE MOUNTAINS FOR SOME TIME.

BUT THEY'VE NEVER *HURT* ANYONE, SO I'VE LET THEM STAY.

STARRY EYED WARNED US, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE *THIS!*

I'M NO ADVENTURER! I'M A *BABY DRAGON!*

YOU'VE BEEN ON ADVENTURES WITH TWILIGHT AND HER FRIENDS, THOUGH.

YEAH! *WITH* THEM!

THEY'VE DEFEATED MANTICORES, CHANGELINGS, *ADULT* DRAGONS, *TEEN* DRAGONS, HYDRAS, NIGHTMARES, BAD *MANNERS*...

I'M JUST A *SIDEKICK.*

MINE

I KNOW.

I FEEL THE *SAME WAY.*

YOU—YOU DO? BUT YOU'RE A *PRINCESS!*

YES, I AM.

BUT PRINCESSES ARE USUALLY NOT *ADVENTURERS.*

SOMETIMES I *WISH* I COULD *JOIN* THEM, BUT...

WELL, A PRINCESS HAS DUTIES OF HER *OWN*.

BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE OF A *TEACHER* THAN AN *ADVENTURER*.

AND THERE'S NOTHING A TEACHER WANTS *MORE* THAN A STUDENT WHO *SURPASSES* HER.

HEY, *LOBSTERS*! C'MERE A SEC!

MY NAME'S *METTY*, SHORT STUFF.

WHADDYA *WANT*?

YOU KNOW WHO I *AM*?

NOPE. ALL YOU *SQUISHIES* LOOK ALIKE TO ME.

WELL, *METTY*, I'M A DRAGON.

AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT *DRAGONS*?

KRRRRK!

DRAGONS EAT ROCKS.

IGGY! SEDDY!

C'MERE, QUICK! WE GOTTA LET 'EM GO!

THAT WAS QUITE WELL PLAYED, SPIKE!

PTOO!

BLEH!

THANKS, BUT I WISH I COULD'VE DONE IT WITHOUT EATING *THIS* STUFF.

GIVE ME A NICE, JUICY *SAPPHIRE* ANY DAY!

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL LET YOU OUT RIGHT AWAY, MISTER DRAGON.

WE WASN'T GONNA HURT YOU NONE!

WE WAS JUST GONNA ASK FOR A *RANSOM!*

YEAH.

UH, SO...

NO HARD *FEELINGS*, RIGHT?

YIPE!

SNAP

AAAAH!

SMELL THAT *SWEET MOUNTAIN AIR!*

YES, IT'S *GOOD* TO BE FREE!

AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO *YOU*, SPIKE!

YOU DID AN *EXCELLENT* JOB!

...BUT *YOU* COULD'VE DONE IT EVEN *EASIER*, COULDN'T YOU?

WHAT?

WELL, YOU'RE A *PRINCESS* AND AN *ALICORN*...

YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN US OUT OF THERE *EASILY*, RIGHT?

YOU COULD'VE TURNED THE CAGE BARS INTO *STEAM* OR THE WALLS INTO *SNOWFLAKES* OR TELEPORTED *BOTH* OF US BACK TO CANTERLOT...

BUT YOU LET *ME* DO IT INSTEAD.

YES, I *DID*.

I COULD HAVE SAVED US AT ANY TIME, BUT I WANTED *YOU* TO BE THE ONE TO DO IT.

WHY?

BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, YOU'RE NOT AN *ADVENTURER*.

BUT YOU *WANT* TO BE.

AND AS I SAID, I'M A *TEACHER*.

AND SOMETIMES THE BEST WAY TO MAKE A STUDENT *LEARN* IS BY MAKING THEM *DO*.

LEARN BY *DOING*, HUH...

THEN WHAT ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT *TWILIGHT* FACED?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, ALL THOSE MONSTERS AND VILLAINS THAT TWILIGHT HAD TO OVERCOME...

COULD *YOU* HAVE STOPPED THEM *INSTEAD*?

...YES.

MANY OF THEM.

AS YOU SAID, SPIKE, I AM VERY POWERFUL, AND THERE ARE *MANY* THINGS I CAN DO.

AND YES, SOMETIMES I HAVE LET TWILIGHT TAKE CARE OF AN INCIDENT THAT I COULD HAVE CLEARED AWAY *EASILY*.

BUT I DO *NOT* DO THIS BECAUSE I AM *CRUEL*, OR BECAUSE I WANT TO PLAY A *JOKE* ON TWILIGHT...

I DO THIS BECAUSE I AM HER *TEACHER*, AND SOMETIMES, THIS IS HOW *SHE* MUST LEARN.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE MADE IT TO THE *PEAK!*

STARRY EYED SAID *THIS* IS WHERE WE'D FIND THE BEST LENSES...

LEAVE THAT TO *ME!*

THIS IS A JOB FOR A *DRAGON!*

HMMM...

SNF SNF

AH-*HA!*

THESE SHOULD BE *PERFECT* FOR TWILIGHT'S TELESCOPE!

WONDERFUL!

THEREFORE!

HA *HA!* TAKE *THAT*, CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN! TAKE *THAT*, ROCK LOBSTERS!

YES, I THINK THIS ADVENTURE HAS BEEN A *ROUSING SUCCESS!*

I CAN'T *WAIT* TO GIVE TWILIGHT HER—

UH, WHY IS THE GROUND *SHAKING?*

RRRMMBLLLL

OH, *NO*...

ONE OF THE *VOLCANOES* IS *ERUPTING!*

FOOM

QUICK, CLIMB ON!

GOTCHA!

KOOM

FOOM

FOOM

FOOM
FOOM
FOOM
FOOM
HANG ON, SPIKE!
I-I-I'M HANGING!

THE CRYSTALS!

SPIKE!

GOTCHA!

UH-OH.

SPIKE, HERE!

CELESTIA, LOOK OUT! ABOVE YOU!

THOOM

SPIKE! SPIKE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

UUHHHH... I THINK SO... WHAT HAPPENED?

HMMM

OH, NO! THAT BOULDER BLOCKED OFF THE ENTRANCE! WE'RE TRAPPED!

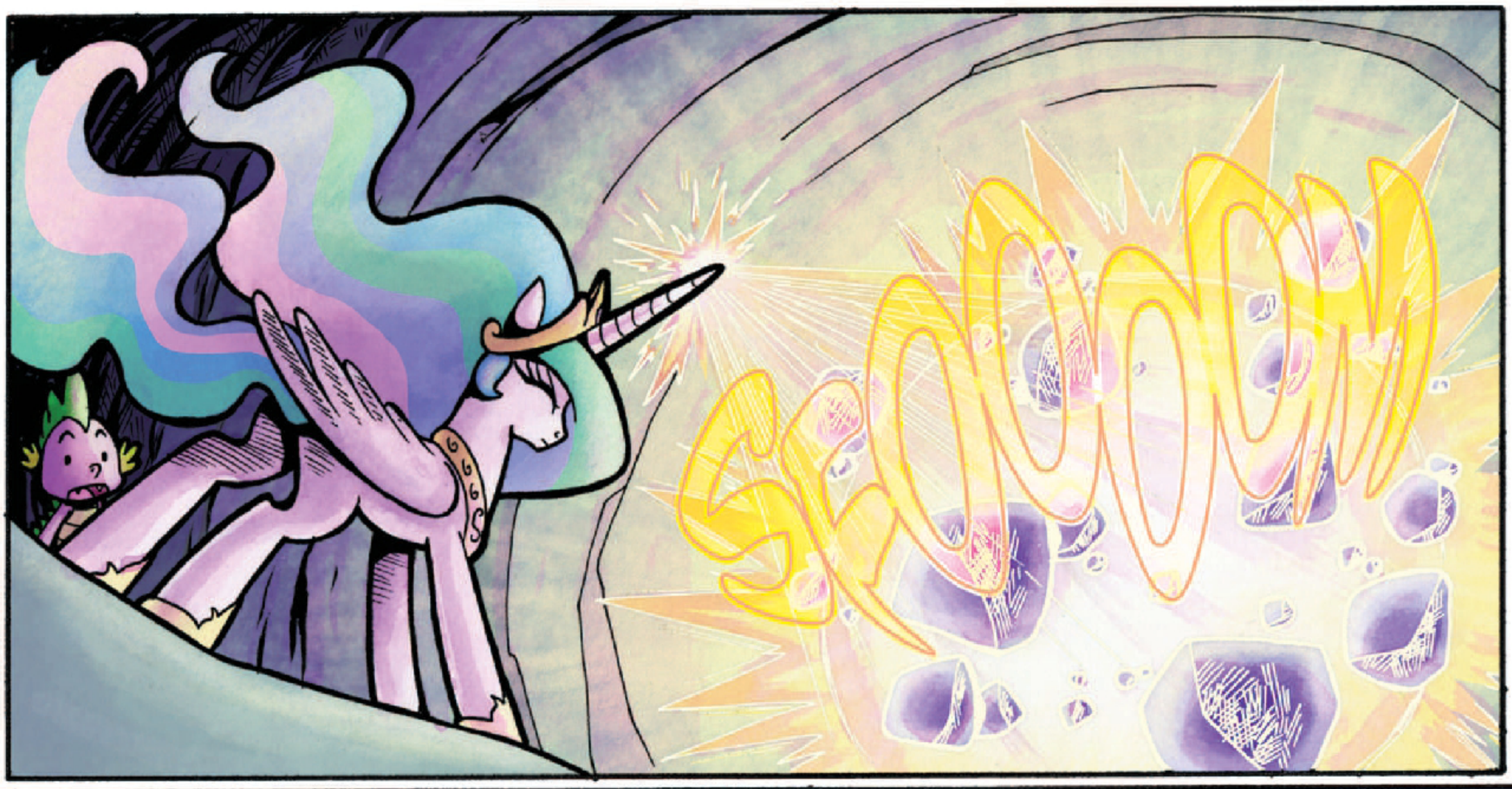
I CAN TAKE CARE OF—

STAND BACK, CELESTIA! I'LL HANDLE THIS!

HRRNNGG!

UGH.

SPIKE... LET ME.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WHOA...

WELL... THANKS FOR GETTING US OUT, PRINCESS...
... BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME DO IT?
I WANTED TO BE AN ADVENTURER AGAIN!
SPIKE, THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE MOVED THAT BOULDER.
EVERY TEACHER HAS TO RECOGNIZE WHEN A PROBLEM IS TOO BIG FOR A STUDENT.
AND BESIDES...
...YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ADVENTURER ON THIS TRIP!

FINALLY!

TO SPIKE

DEAR SPIKE,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND THE DAY ON AN ADVENTURE.

AS A PRINCESS AND A TEACHER, I DON'T OFTEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO HAVE FUN.

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO JOURNEY WITH YOU.

BUT MORE THAN THAT, YOU REMINDED ME THAT SOMETIMES OUR ROLES CAN CHANGE.

A TEACHER CAN BECOME AN ADVENTURER.

A SIDEKICK CAN BECOME A LEADER.

A STUDENT CAN BECOME A PRINCESS.

AND SOMETIMES, SOMEONE WE HARDLY KNOW...

...CAN BECOME A FRIEND.

YOUR FRIEND FOREVER,

Celestia